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## SPIRITUALISM

### The Religion and Gospel of the Twentieth Century.

The substance of a discourse given at the Workman's Hall, Stratford, E., Sunday Evening, October 27, 1907, to the East London Spiritualists' Association.

BY THOMAS MAY.

(From The Two Worlds.)

Mr. President, Fellow Spiritualists, and Friends—

You have very kindly invited me to speak to you this evening on the subject of Spiritualism, for which honor I tender you my hearty thanks. And you were further kind enough to arrange with me that my subject should be treated perfectly free from any restrictions, in any way that I thought best, and that I was free to express my own experience in my own way. This excellent friendly arrangement was a good one, as you will see from the following statements, and ought, I suggest, to especially recommend Spiritualism to your favorable consideration and acceptance.

You have, no doubt, heard the modern version of an old saying, "Sweet are the uses of advertisement." Well, I am here tonight specially to talk about Spiritualism, advertise it, reiterate it, and ask you, after you have heard my discourse, to join yourselves up with this Association and become members, because you must understand that this is an evangelical and propaganda meeting. We are here tonight to have a real good time, to be happy and enjoy ourselves, and generally to have a red-hot magnetic meeting. But I shall assume that you are all visitors and strangers here, all curious as to this movement, and are here to discover, if possible, where Spiritualism is superior or better, truer or more useful to mankind than other religious bodies. Yet, even if you are Spiritualists, it will no doubt interest you quite as much to find out how a new speaker treats the subject, and so I shall not carry coals to Newcastle altogether, but visitors will learn something, and the "faithful" will be encouraged to go forward in the good work they have set their hands and hearts to.

Now, Spiritualism is nothing unless it is original and quite orthodox of a kind, so I am going to call upon one of the great spirits we have invoked, and who is at this meeting, and who a long time ago left a written record which is as true at this moment as it was when the words were recorded. The words are to be found in an old book, and we will, if you please, set the inspired phonogram or gramophone to work and listen to the remarkable voice. The record is in the Bible, the spirit is called Joel, and this is the message, mark you, of an up-to-date spiritual harvest-home song and prophecy. Listen: "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid, for the pastures do spring, the tree beareth her fruit, and the vine yieldeth her strength. Be glad, then, and rejoice, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the latter rain; and the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil; and ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God that hath dealt wondrously with you; and ye shall know that I am the Lord, your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed."

This is true, is it not? We grumble about the wet spring and late summer, but is it not a fact that the harvest

babe at its mother's breast, must be capable of easily understanding, grasping, and realizing it in some conscious way, assimilating into its own nature, as it were, its virtues and graces.

The religion of Spiritualism, then, is a trinity of truth, the a b c of all true, and therefore lasting, forms of religion. Just as there is, so the scientists inform us, a septenary of hues in the one color, light, of which three are primary and four secondary—the gold or yellow, the red, and the blue rays, mingled and interblended produce four secondary tints or hues—so the holy trinity, or three in one, divine primary principles of the religion of Spiritualism, and the faith of Spiritualism is comprised in (1) the Fatherhood and unity of God, (2) the brotherhood or kinship of man, and (3) the immortality of the soul or spirit. This is a spiritual triangle symbol of divine life, light, and love, which is the base; whilst on the one side is human liberty, equality, and fraternity, and on the other side a supreme faith in God, hope of immortal life beyond the grave and charity or love toward all mankind. This you will see is a broad, universal, religious and social foundation of a brotherhood or fraternity of divine and human interests, which is of profound significance and importance to all men in this enlightened age and century.

A curious thing, also, about the symbolism of Spiritualism here comes to my mind. The word has twelve letters, one for each month of the year, proving that the spirit of the movement is evidently an inspiration of a new era, and as we have a Jewish Era, a Christian Era, a Mahomedan Era, why not call the twentieth century the Era of the Spirit, or, in short, Spiritualism: the age of the new and acceptable year of the Lord, as prophesied in the Old Testament?

Still further, a most important point here presents itself. Spiritualism stands for the three great primary virtues of the Protestant faith, the virtues of (1) liberty of conscience, (2) freedom of speech, and (3) the right of private judgment; and mark this prophecy, if Spiritualism as an organized body of believers is going to endure, we shall have to stand in the forefront of all religious and social movements, and protest against any infringement or attempts to nullify these great virtues and principles for which our forefathers contended, fought for, and in some cases died for. I assert we must maintain these three sacred rights of man, especially as attempts are being made in several

places to suppress our movement and other social agencies. I remind you that the recognized official state professors of the orthodox religion are by no means friendly to us. Quite recently the vicar of a West End district of London brought strong moral pressure to bear upon a landlord, who, in consequence, refused a Spiritualist Society the rental and use of a hall.

Tonight they are trying to re-start the meetings at another place adjacent. I know from information received

that the clergy of all denominations consider Spiritualism as inimical and detrimental to their self-interests and organized religious worship, for remember the Pope of Rome has declared against all forms of the modern spirit, and the Non-conformists, although they may put up with the New Theology, will never, for obvious reasons, countenance Spiritualism; and, if they should condescend to patronize us for a time, it is only, like the spies of old, to see what they can appropriate from our faith to incorporate into their own. Of course, the policy for us to pursue is to perfect our own organization and increase its power and influence, but I warn you that insidious and determined efforts are being persistently pursued to undermine, subvert and overthrow Spiritualism, but the attempts will not succeed if we are true to our principles and financially and socially well organized.

Spiritualism, then, has established its claim for acceptance upon the foundation basis of all religions. All other religions are only branches or offshoots or graftings on to it, I prove in another way. We hear a deal about

the Bible and its value. All religions have their Bible, called either the Vedas, the Koran, the Pentateuch, the Gospels, or the Shastras, or Douay or Catholic version and authorized or Protestant versions of the Bible. The Mormons have their Book of God, the Christian Scientists—Mrs. Eddy's Science of Health, and the Faithists have their Bible, called "Oahspe." And naturally you will ask, where do we Spiritualists come in? Have we a sacred book, or Bible, or written authority to quote from? If not it is clear we are going to be behind in this race, but I am determined to be in front.

We have a Bible; in fact two—one spiritual and one written. We say, to begin with, that inspiration is not limited or confined to one age, one person, one book, one people, or one class of prophets. We say, "In every age he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him," and that all scripture—that is, all written truths and recorded heart utterances and aspirations of man, whether ancient or modern, whether of any of these writers of other Bibles, or whether a Shakespeare, Goethe, Paine, Milton, Shelley, Carlyle, Ruskin, or other writer—is profitable for learning, study, evidence, and teaching. Above all, the great open book of Nature, with its daily countless miracles, marvels, and wonders, is of transcendental importance to the Spiritualist, who inspires from its teachings intellectual genius and physical strength. Nature speaks audibly to the Spiritualist of an ever-present Deity, a celestial teacher of living truth. But still we have another Bible, a written word, an inspired volume containing the quintessence of all the best and highest, the cream, as it were, of which all other Bibles are but as skim milk beside it.

I equal to thousands of orthodox Christians. If you doubt this statement, refer to "The Lyceum Manual," which contains the best abstracted utterances of the Koran, the ancient books of the east, the Jewish and Christian scriptures, and a collection of sublime poetry and religious psalms and hymns, beside rules for the conduct of life, the spiritual meanings of matter and spirit, mediumship, healing, the nature of man, calendar of saints, our rights and duties; in brief, the whole art and craft of all true religion and daily life and conduct is in this "Manual." We ought to make it the standard book of reference and teaching at all of our meetings, and it should be adopted as the Bible of Spiritualism. I keep a copy on my table at home, and read a little every day.

We are not, however, unmindful of or indifferent to, but truly grateful for, the great labours of those pious souls who gave us our inheritance. They are as now, as spirits, inspiring us to go forward in our good work.

It When St. Augustine landed on the coast of Sussex many centuries ago, we read that he stooped down on the sea shore, picked up a shell, filled before us. The whole tendency of it with water, and threw the water northward over the shore, and said, "I baptise this land of Anglia, or Britain, in the Christian faith, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." He then sent to the Pope at Rome to say that Britain had been baptised. Now, why should I

not, as an apostle and evangelist of Spiritualism, now declare that Great Britain is dedicated and proclaimed a province of the realm of spirit universe and sphere, and baptised into the age and name of the Divine Spirit? So let it be so, seeing that we have such a good example and tradition as that of St. Augustine for our guide. This then is our answer to those who might imagine that we are few in numbers and not making much progress. It is now clear that our faith removes mountains of doubt, and places us in the forefront of all real progress for the best methods of promoting the material and moral well-being of the people on a practical and lasting basis. Spiritualism is just the right kind of religion for young men and women, because whilst keeping up our regular religious services and meetings on the simple basis I have outlined, it gives grand scope

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## NEARING CENTURY

Celebrating Birthdays at Home  
for the Friendless---Old  
Ladies Pleased.

Editor Sunflower:

Through the kindness and courtesy of Mrs. D. S. Alexander invitations were issued to the members of the family of The Home for the Friendless (old ladies' home), in Buffalo, N. Y., to a At Home November 27th, in honor of Mrs. Prudence S. Fritz's and Mrs. Mercy George's birthday. Mrs. Elizabeth Hampton, who is progressing well towards 93, is a sister of Mrs. Fritz and the oldest one of the family in the home, had due respect shown her by being classed with these two old ladies. Both Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Fritz have good eyesight and good hearing. Mrs. George has been very ill. She is an invalid. She, too, is blessed with pretty good hearing but her sight is not very good. Mrs. George has been in the home 17 or 18 years, Mrs. Fritz 14 years, and Mrs. Hampton 15 years.

The chapel, or double parlor, was neatly arranged, having a table adorned with handsome flowers and several kinds of beautiful cake. Two large cakes were particularly attractive, being decorated with the age and birthday beautifully arranged in the center of each cake. Candles burning, denoting the age, were part of the illuminations during the hour that refreshments were being served. The work of arranging the table and room for the guests was, through the kindness of the maids, supervised by Mrs. Brainard, the matron.

When time came for refreshments to be served Mrs. Prudence S. Fritz was escorted to the room and seated at the head of the table by Mrs. G. D. Barr, who is president of the board. Next came Mrs. Elizabeth Hampton, whose attendant was Mrs. Henry Tanner, seating Mrs. Hampton at the right of Mrs. Fritz. These were followed by Mrs. Mercy George, whose escort was Miss Anna Smith, seating Mrs. George at the left of Mrs. Fritz. Both Mrs. Tanner and Miss Smith are members of the board. Mrs. Tanner was assigned a seat opposite Mrs. Fritz, while the members of the family sat in circular form, as near as possible. Before refreshments were served grace was offered by this honored lady, Mrs. Henry Tanner. Mrs. Fritz was instructed to cut the first piece from one of the birthday cakes. Maids assisted in serving, assistance being rendered them by Miss Anna Smith and Mrs. Aurelia Martin, the efficient superintending nurse, Mrs. Brainard rendering such needed help as was required. She also made a sad announcement, apologizing for the absence of Mrs. D. S. Alexander, who had given this birthday At Home. Illness prevented her being present.

The only gentleman present was Master James Smith, son of Mr. Hyatt Smith, and nephew of Miss Anna Smith. This young gentleman undoubtedly has seen four years towards the one hundred. Before the adjourning of this happy family group Mrs. Henry Tanner, nee Miss Martha Sheldon Wheeler, arose, saying that she would like to talk a few minutes. Of course, all were pleased to hear what this good lady had to say. In a very pleasant and concise form she spoke of the interest she had always had in the home since she had been a member of the board and that was more than 30 years. She became interested in it soon after its organization, when it was in its infancy and located on Niagara street. She expressed herself as believing that the members of the family had been, as a rule, obedient to the rules of the home. Wishing success to attend the up-building of the home, and pleasure and happiness to the family, she bade the company a kindly good evening. Mrs. Tanner is no longer an active member of the board, but an honorary member.

Mrs. John S. Chittenden, daughter of the late Mr. Pascal P. Pratt, also member of the board, called to express an interest in what was going on. This week we were informed that this lady had been visiting the members of this home circle.

Miss Emma C. Bommer, a day nurse, was absent, owing to the passing into spirit life of a brother in Buffalo. Mrs. Judson, a faithful night nurse, had other duties requiring her attention. All retired to their rooms, feeling the happier for this social event than if it had not occurred, and a sincere desire went out for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Alexander to perfect health and that peace and good will may ever follow her. Those of the

family unable to be present were remembered.

A passing notice must be given to Thanksgiving day, which followed the birthday. A fine turkey dinner, with all that is requisite for such a dinner, graced the dining table, which was certainly well and nicely spread, giving an attractive and appetizing appearance. Four ladies of the board were on good time to see how nicely everything looked: Mrs. O. G. Steele, Mrs. William C. Warren, Miss Lyon, editor of Our Record, and Mrs. J. B. Welch. What pleasure if all homes and institutions could be conducted in a cheerful, home-like manner.

The Home of the Friendless is greatly in need of more room. For some time the board has hoped to have an annex added to the already spacious building, and it is hoped that this may be accomplished by next spring. Would, too, that the Spiritualists could find a way of having homes established for those who have advanced to the age, so to speak, of helplessness. Let every Spiritualist send out their best thoughts and prayers that this may be accomplished at an early date.

### WHAT IS TIME?

O! tell me, yes, tell me, what is time?  
Is it from infancy to old age but a rhyme?  
Tossed to and fro, as the bell doth chime?  
Are the waters too deep for the seeking line,  
And the mountains too high for the measured eye?  
O! keep me not in realms of suspense,  
For time is great, something appealing to sense.  
It is linked, with the golden chain of love.  
To the beautiful spheres in the life above,  
Where knowledge is unfolded to the seeker of truth,  
Not only to those aged in time, but to lovely youth.

ELIZA G. BREWER KEMBLE.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 29, 1907.  
Editor Sunflower:

The First Spiritualist Society of Tampa, Fla., has secured the new hall lately erected by the I. O. O. F., on Florida avenue, in which to hold regular Sunday evening meetings.

Dr. C. A. Burgess, president of the Chicago Spiritualist League, has been with us for the past three weeks, and has done the society a world of good, for which one and all feel very grateful.

Sunday, December 1st, Brother George P. Colby of Lake Helen, Fla., will commence a month's engagement with us. As Brother Colby has many friends and warm admirers here we anticipate a large attendance and a splendid time.

Dr. J. M. Peebles writes that he will be with us on the first Sunday in January. Then we hope to have a revival somewhat similar to the old-fashioned Methodist revivals.

During the two months we hope to add many names to our roll of membership. We are pleased to be able to report Brother J. F. Ireland, our resident speaker, sufficiently recovered from his late sickness to be with us once again.

We have made application to the N. S. A. to have Brother Ireland ordained. The ceremony will be conducted publicly, upon which occasion a large gathering is expected. As soon as Brother Ireland shall be properly ordained and qualified to perform the services there will be a christening service at the hall, as there are three infants known of at this time who are waiting to have the service performed, that they may be dedicated to the cause of truth. Again, we would not be so very much surprised if Brother Ireland should be called upon to perform the marriage service before the winter was over.

With all of the above pleasures known of, and those not made public as yet, we anticipate much pleasure and advancement during the winter months. We do not wish to be selfish, so invite all those who are visiting the south, to come and partake of the feast.

Fraternally Yours,  
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## Transition of an old Spiritualist

Thomas Jackson, of Ripon, Wis., departed this life on the 21st ult., aged 84 years. The subject of this notice was a native of England. He came to this country in early manhood and thereafter America was his home. His residence in Wisconsin covered a period of twenty-eight years. He was of a large family—ten in all; five have passed from earth life and the remaining five will not have many years of separation from their loved ones, as all are upwards of three score years. Three sisters and one brother were present at the transition service. One sister is in California.

Mr. Jackson became a convert to Spiritualism many years ago. As he was a man of unswerving integrity, he had the courage of his convictions under all circumstances and never was ashamed to give at all times "a reason for his hope."

Mrs. Jackson, companion of the departed, was left the sole survivor in the home. While she feels her physical loss keenly, she feels in no sense her soul is widowed. She was conscious of his presence soon after he left the body; she desired his presence during the service and when she leaned over the casket and looked upon the dear face, so life-like even in death, she said: "He is by my side; I know it to be so." To such a one death has lost its sting and the grave has no victory. Dear soul! she will not have to wait long until she will arise out of the enfeebled body which has served her well upwards of eighty years; then "how joyful will that meeting be," when re-united as souls they can journey on together.

Mr. Jackson was a generous donor to the M. P. I. at the time the temple was undergoing improvements to make the building more convenient for a school. He held a warm interest in the school as long as he remained in the body. In the event of his passing away, some of his personal friends thought it would be fitting and in accordance with the desire of the arisen

one to invite one or more representatives from the M. P. I. to conduct the transition service. Accordingly Prof. A. J. Weaver and the writer were invited to take charge of such service at the Jackson home Sunday p.m., the 24th ult. It was a beautiful day and the house was filled with relatives, friends and neighbors of the departed. Among the relatives were those who hold no sympathy with Spiritualism, but such could never have been known by any spirit manifested on their part. They loved their older brother, they respected his belief and were more than courteous to his and his companion's Spiritualist friends.

Prof. Weaver's address was practical and beautiful. It embodied the general ideas entertained by Spiritualists upon the subject of death and the conditions pertaining to spirit life. The writer's remarks were inspired by the occasion; her main effort was to prove that outside of Spiritualism no positive proof could be given of the rising of a soul from the dead (out of the dead body).

The addresses were listened to with rapt attention by the friends gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to a dear friend and an old resident in the community, among whom were many who for the first time listened to an exposition of Spiritualism.

Music was furnished by Miss Louise Lobel, Secretary of the Wisconsin State Association of Spiritualists, who sung sweetly two selections from C. P. Longley's collection. The concluding selection was from the writer's Spiritual Songster, Angels Guard You Till We Meet Again. She was accompanied by Miss Ida Zinzou, organist.

I would mention that Mr. Jackson was a reader of the Sunflower and looked eagerly for its coming every week. I was told that about the last thing he did upon earth was to read that paper.

In the passing away of Thomas Jackson earth has been deprived of one of its noble men—but we are assured that death of the physical has put no pause in his existence and he will continue his good work under better conditions than he could possibly find here. All is well.

MATTIE E. HULL.

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## N. S. A. Gratitude.

I am pleased with the wide-spread interest taken in Gratitude Day, as appointed by the N. S. A. Its first observance was held Sunday, November 24th. The call was made for a collection that date in aid of the Mediums' Relief Fund. Circular letters were sent to most all societies, through their officers. Perhaps some official names were not correct, and the societies did not receive the request. That omission should be remedied by having the N. S. A. secretary accurately informed of such officials. If you are not an auxiliary to the N. S. A., we want your names, just the same. And we want your help, also. All can help, if they will. There are some helping all the time, and others helping occasionally, and some, help never.

We want to see all helpers all of the time. And we want the N. S. A. to be such a helper!

The Mediums' Relief Fund is doing great good for several needy persons. There are others applying for assistance, and we want an adequate fund. We hoped for a grand rally Gratitude Day, for that fund. Only a comparative few of the societies and Spiritualists in the United States have responded to the call. And that call was put before all in the Spiritualist papers, in several issues, by the great generosity of the editors. The response is feeble, compared by the need, and not very complimentary, compared by the number of Spiritualists and societies. But we expect to hear from many others yet. Some could not take the collection on the day appointed, and there is no objection to getting the same at any time.

I report about three hundred dollars so far, as the remittances received in response to the call. We are very grateful. The response has come in small amounts from many societies, from one dollar to twenty-eight. Our gratitude is great, as your national officers, and we feel sure that next year Gratitude Day will be a great testimonial to the spirit helpers and their mediums.

And now, let us rally to the increase of the General Fund and Endowment Fund, each so necessary to the usefulness of the N. S. A.

The public cannot appreciate the need of the N. S. A. for funds. It is too often very hypercritical. The Goff will case alone is taxing our treasury, and we must win that, if money can do it, for a great principle, involving the rights of Spiritualists, is at stake, and the estate as willed to Spiritualism should be so devoted.

Defense of, as well as protection of mediums, needs funds for such.

Printed matter is in constant demand for diffusion, and is sent forth freely. Postage account at headquarters, to attend to public requests, is no small tax. There is work in plenty at this office, but we are willing to take on all that comes.

The Endowment Fund will grow slowly, and after awhile each Spiritualist will awaken to the fact that such a fund means perpetual prosperity. Rally to it and to the N. S. A., and you rally to the interest of Spiritualism before the world. Let us all be grateful, Fraternally,

GEORGE W. KATES,  
Secretary, N. S. A.,  
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## LILY DALE NEWS.

The following is a complete list of the families on the grounds at the present time:

### COTTAGE ROW.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Henderson.  
Mrs. M. E. Dowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Johnson.

### MARION STREET.

Mrs. C. F. Knothe and son, Edward.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hutchinson.  
Mrs. Mayer and two daughters, Miss Matilda and Mrs. Banty.

### CLEVELAND AVENUE.

Mrs. Mina Seymour.

### BUFFALO STREET.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eustaphieve.

### LIBRARY STREET.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gamp.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Horton.

### NORTH STREET.

Mr. C. M. Carroll and family.  
Mrs. Nellie Warren and father, Mr. Woodcock.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Hyde.

Mrs. Griffey.

### FIRST STREET.

George Geno and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Mrs. A. Shaffer.

Mr. John Hudson and family.

### SECOND STREET.

Mrs. Mary Todd.

Mrs. E. R. Cooper and daughter and Mrs. Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Richardson.

### THIRD STREET.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuller, Mary Sherman and Mr. Webb Blending.

Mrs. Z. T. Gates and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jackson and granddaughter.

Mr. O. H. Maxon and family.

### FOURTH STREET.

Mr. I. G. Turner and family.

Mrs. S. A. Van Blarcum.

Mrs. Erickson and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Meeker.

### SOUTH STREET.

Miss May Huntington.

Mrs. N. Nutting.

Charles Haas and family.

Miss Celia Carpenter.

Miss Alice Taft and Mrs. Johnson of Fredonia visited the Dale recently.

Miss Alta Woodcock is still slowly improving, though as yet very weak.

Mrs. E. H. Phillips of Fredonia visited the Dale recently as a guest of Dr. Hyde.

Mrs. O. H. Lawton has been spending a few days a guest of Mrs. Nellie Warren.

Graham Turner and family were recent guests of their sister, Mrs. Frank Cardot, at Arkwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierson attended the county convention of Grangers at Villanova November 23d.

Miss Matilda Mayer has been quite ill the past two weeks with quinsy, but under Dr. Henderson's skillful care is rapidly recovering.

Word came from Mrs. Viola Binney November 23d, from New York, that herself and husband were en route for Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter.

A breezy, newsy letter just received from W. H. Bach shows that he is in excellent spirits, health and prospects among the peaks and freaks of Cœur d' Alene, Idaho.

Mrs. Ann Fisher and her daughters entertained a number of guests Thanksgiving, among whom were Messrs. Scipio and Sherman Greenland, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Recent word was received that "Aunt Mary" Ramsell, who went some months ago to her daughter, Mrs. Ramey, at Bainbridge, Ga., passed to the higher life some days' before.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sherman of North Collins, former summer residents at Lily Dale, leave December 18th for Florida accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Blasdell of the same place.

Miss Grace Jackson, granddaughter of A. A. Jackson, who began guitar lessons a short time ago, although having taken but six lessons, already plays accompaniments with violin with much ease and skill.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyde and their guest, Miss Helen Smith of Olean, were invited to spend Thanksgiving among friends in Buffalo. They all attended the recital at Convention Hall, given by the famous Polish pianist, Ignace Paderewski.

Charles Schank of Buffalo, who came to the Dale in September, accompanied by his family, for a month's treatment for locomotor ataxia, is not only steady-

ily improving in health, but, with his family, has become much interested in the spiritual philosophy.

A meeting was called by Mrs. J. E. Hyde November 23d, at her home, to organize a sewing society to prepare during the winter articles to sell at the bazaar of the Ladies' Auxiliary the coming season, the funds to be applied on the purchase and fitting up of a building for the future use of the society and its branches. Much interest was manifested. It was voted to hold weekly meetings, the society to meet at the homes of the different members by invitation. The next meeting was appointed for Friday, November 29th, at 1 p. m., at the home of Miss May Huntington. All parties interested in this work are cordially invited to attend these meetings, to aid or offer suggestions. Any one donating an article for sale is requested to attach a card bearing name of the donor and probable price of article, for future reference and public announcement.

The above items were intended for last week's issue but were sent to Hamburg, Pa., first and then traveled about considerably before reaching this office.—[EDITOR.]

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting was held at Dr. E. C. Hyde's Thursday.

Miss Celia Carpenter enjoyed a visit from her brother, Mr. Carpenter, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierce, who have been over to Dayton's farm, returned home Tuesday.

There will be a dance in Library Hall December 14th. Smith's orchestra will officiate. All come!

Mr. and Mrs. Winchester, J. H. Champlin and family, and Mrs. Jennie Allen are located for the winter in Fredonia.

Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong, who has been at Ilion, N. Y., most of the time since camp closed, has gone to Lake Helen, Fla.

Earl Turner had the good luck to win three turkeys the night before Thanksgiving. Your correspondent wishes he could have won us all one.

About ten inches of snow fell the 3rd inst.

There are at present 38 families spending the winter at Lily Dale.

J. C. Scheu of Buffalo was a recent guest of his parents at the Iroquois.

Otis Maxham is getting calls from various points to play for dances.

Miss Edith Johnson of Kinzua was the recent guest of Mrs. Elzora Tambling.

The Citizens Whist Club has held two meetings. The next one will be at Mrs. Shaffer's.

Mrs. Katharine Van Tine was the guest for a week of her sister, Mrs. Louisa Scheu.

Most of the Sunflower news from Lily Dale went astray last week by misdirection of address.

Mrs. P. C. Foley, William Foley and Walden Ray of Olean were recent guests of Mrs. Emma Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spicer of Wells-ville were recent guests of Mrs. Nellie Warren and her father.

Miss Flossie Dalrymple, who began music the last of October with Mrs. Hyde, is making rapid progress.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Richardson left Saturday evening for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Grace Champlin, at Fredonia.

Mrs. Marian Johnson was the guest for a day or two of last week, of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Stone, at Fredonia.

Word was received from Mrs. Sarah Bush of Kennedy, that Henry Wadsworth, a Lily Dale Camper, is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Mina Seymour was called unexpectedly by business matters to Salamanca, December 5th. She has not yet returned.

H. P. Woodcock spent several days of last week with his son's family at Fredonia, pending their departure to California for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pierce have been guests for the past ten days of Mrs. May Burke. They will return to Fredonia December 14th.

William Brooks of Buffalo, with George Smith and two other lads from Olean, were here Thanksgiving week for the purpose of hunting.

George Gans, who for several weeks has been learning railroad office work at Cassadaga, was recently appointed assistant agent at that station.

Our vitapathic physician, S. J. Richardson, has been absent most of the time for several weeks. He spent the last two weeks of November at Erie, where he was called to treat patients. Last week he was at Whites-

vill, Bolivar, and Shingle House. At the latter place he delivered a public inspirational address.

Mrs. C. F. Knothe and son, Edward, left December 4th for Buffalo and Lockport. They will be away for some time, as Mrs. Knothe's sister is very ill at Lockport.

A. H. Porter of Ashtabula, O., a summer attendant at the Lily Dale assembly, has purchased property at Isle of Pines, near Cuba, West Indies, and will reside there.

The second in the series of winter dances managed by Mr. and Mrs. Turner will be held Saturday evening, December 14th, at Library Hall. Music: Violin, Bass viol, and Piano.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyde, and sister, Mrs. O. H. Lawton, leave December 10th for Florida. They intend to spend the winter at De Leon Springs. They will stop at Jacksonville for a week or so.

Superintendent Lloyd, of the D. A. V. & P., was in town last week, and expressed much surprise that the waiting room of our station had not been open for use of late. He arranged with Charles Haas to open and warm the waiting room hereafter during the winter, or until an agent may be appointed.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyde and their guest, Miss Helen Smith of Olean, visited Buffalo Thanksgiving week to attend the piano recital given by the noted Polish Pianist, Jan Ignatz Paderewski. They report a marvellous performance, that held an audience of several thousand people spell-bound for nearly two and a half hours.

Some time ago George Gans, while hunting near the Dale, was startled in the dusk of evening by the sudden swoop near him of an immense owl, which, by the aid of his gun, he finally captured and brought home alive. The owl measures four feet, 2 inches across the wings. The family intends sending him to the Buffalo Park Zoo.

While Mrs. Hyde was at Fredonia last week, to secure tickets for the South, she visited Mrs. Martha Tolls, Mrs. Fanny Kelly and Mrs. A. H. Winchester, all of whom she found in good spirits, and glad to hear from Lily Dale friends. Mrs. Kelley is rapidly recovering from a recent operation at a Buffalo hospital.

Mrs. S. Little and daughter, Minnie, of Los Angeles, who have been guests since June of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cooper, at Edelwald, near the lower lake, left for California the 10th inst. They were accompanied to Washington, D. C., by Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and mother, Mrs. Wilcox, en route for Florida, where they expect to spend the winter at St. Petersburg.

T. J. Murphy, of the Pennsylvania railroad, was in town December 3rd and sold tickets for Florida to a number of our citizens. Among them are Mrs. Elizabeth Dinsmore, Mme. Ianthe Vignier, Marion Dalrymple and B. F. Hastings, who started on their trip the 7th inst. Mr. Hastings expects to remain South permanently, to avoid the cold of our northern winters.

There was considerable swapping of Thanksgiving turkey among our citizens at home November 28th. Among those who pursued the ill-fated bird out of town were C. D. Greenmyer, guest of Mrs. M. E. Faust at Bemus point; Mrs. Alice Leroy, guest of friends in Jamestown; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Richardson and son guests of Mrs. Grace Chaplin at Fredonia; Dr. and Mrs. Hyde, guests of the Willets in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bouton of Ashville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Piersons, and attended with them the Cassadaga Grange December 4th, it being the fortieth anniversary of the order. Mr. Bouton gave some very interesting and instructive facts concerning the history of the grange and the good it has accomplished since its inception. The Piersons, Boutons and Homer Todd went December 5th, to Fredonia to attend the two days' convention of the county grange, held in conjunction with the Fredonia grange. The attendance was unusually large.

The third meeting of the Ladies' Home Aid was held at Mrs. Hyde's December 5th, with a larger attendance than at the previous meetings, and much interest manifested. Material for quilts was brought in by Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Knothe, Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Horton, and the time was spent in cutting and making blocks.

Mrs. Mary Todd donated calico blocks for a quilt, and Mrs. Horton promised the material and making of a calico pattern quilt, also said she would make and embroider the blocks for a "hit and miss" outing flannel quilt if parties having pieces—which may be of any color—

will send in the flannel and silkateen or send silk. Thus five quilts are now under construction; and it was voted to hold a quilt social at Library hall, or the Auditorium in the spring, to tie and finish these quilts for use which are not to be sold under proper value.

This Social will close with a dance and supper in the evening. At the conclusion of the work the minutes of the previous meetings were read, and officers for the winter elected as follows: Mrs. J. E. Hyde, president, Mrs. Maggie Turner, Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Gamp vice presidents, Mrs. Mina Seymour secretary and treasurer. It was decided to send a report of this meeting to the Sunflower in the hope that parties reading it, may be prompted to send articles to sell at the bazaar, or blocks for the silk or worsted quilts, each block to be 18 inches square, and of any design that may suit the fancy of the maker. Articles for sale should have name and address of donor and value of article, accompanying them, for public announcement next season.

Anyone sending in silk, worsted, or outing flannel pieces, silkateen or the money to buy it, as it is 5¢ per spool everywhere, will be gratefully remembered and mentioned in the future. Send all such offerings to Mrs. Mina Seymour, Lily Dale, N. Y. A record of everything will be kept by the society. The next meeting will occur December 12, at Mrs. L. C. Hutchinson's.

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#### SOME REASONS WHY.

Not having on hand sufficient copy of a spiritual nature, such as we desire to use for the Sunflower, and also having been delayed in its issue, as well as wishing to avoid the use of much matter of a general nature, we have decided to make this issue only four pages.

A few have objected to the articles of a general character, forgetting that it simply filled only part of the space that formerly was taken up with large advertisements. Even with these four pages you have nearly as much set matter as before it was set in Hamburg. In many issues there has been very much more set matter than ever before and when copy of the right sort can be secured we will be able to get ahead of time and have matter to set for the full paper.

Of course, we desire to occupy considerable space with good, paying advertising and hope that eventually we can secure it, for without it no paper can be published at the prices usually charged.

The labor of publishing the Sunflower, in addition to publishing the Erie County Independent, which is much larger than the Sunflower, together with a large job printing business, has crowded us pretty hard, even though we have additional workmen. At present we have not the room to use a larger force of employees, so that we are somewhat handicapped in more ways than one.

It may be necessary, under all the circumstances, to only use four pages for more than this one issue, in which case we hope our subscribers will bear with us, for you know we took on this publication to prevent its suspension, and some time we hope at no great length of time, we will be able to give to our patrons just the kind of a journal they all want.

We at this end of the line are making strenuous efforts to keep the Sunflower going, at no little sacrifice. Will you, dear reader, make the trifling sacrifice of continuing your support, even though you do not get quite so large a paper for a while, for it will not be a fixture in this form.

If all who have not renewed their subscription can do so at this time, it will materially assist in the work.

Please do not get the notion that the Sunflower is going to cease publication. We would not have taken hold of it if we did not know we could continue its publication. Nearly all factories are curtailing their output and laying off their workmen just now. The Sunflower may shrink a little while the sun is in the south, but we are adding to our force of employees and hope that the material will be at hand before many weeks, so that we will have no trouble in giving you a full issue.

Mr. George P. Young, president of the British Spiritualists' National Union, is a maker of epigrams. Here are three from his life sketch, published last week:

Cheap thinking and cheap emotion are the essence of evangelism.

Our characters are our own, but our reputations are a gift of other people.

Spiritualism is a stupendous subject, and men see in it just what they are big enough to see.

There are only two or three things really worth having in life, and friendship is one of them.—Victor Hugo.

Friend, the unseen ones are round about us. Does it not seem as if the time were drawing near when it shall be given to men to behold them?—Thackeray.

## Spiritualism the Religion of the Twentieth Century.

(Continued from page 1.)

for the exercise of becoming ardent social reformers, always, mark you, strictly from our standpoint and upon our principles.

The Prime Minister (Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman) said this week that there were several questions clamoring for solution, and instance drunkenness, depopulation, bad housing, infant mortality, and ignorance. The day for soft phrases was over, he said, they were all for social reforms. Here, then, is plenty of scope for we Spiritualists to prove that all social reforms are only possible when advocated from our standpoint. Our religion and philosophy is the real remedy, because we begin from within, spiritually and morally, and thus improve the environment, because you must give people good and right ideals within before they can begin to apply these ideals to their social surroundings.

Mrs. George Cadbury, at the National Union of Women Workers in Manchester this week, said that the evils of sweating were terrible. There were 3,250,000 single women, and over 1,000,000 married women, and over 3,000,000 children working for a small wage or pittance. In London, she said, there were women and children making shirts at 8d. per dozen, and by hard work, 16 hours a day, could only make about three dozen shirts a day. So you see there is plenty of work to do when you come into Spiritualism, but you will find that you will have more time to do social work.

Spiritualism, I assert, is practical; in fact, the only real religion extant. I defy denial. All other religions are only parts of the great religion of Spiritualism. Do not hide your light under a bushel; set it on a hill. Do not be too modest; do not play second fiddle to any pope, bishop, priest, or parson of any kind; do not belittle, demean, or abase yourselves; be meek, and claim the earth for Spiritualism.

I saw a bill on a hoarding as I came along, "London for Christ." I say "All England and the colonies for Spiritualism." Why not pray? Look at the miracles of Spiritualism compared with the single miracles of the Bible. Look at the miracles of telepathy, clairvoyance, wireless telegraphy, steam electricity, traction, and light. Is it not a marvel and miracle to see an electric tram flying mysteriously along the road apparently without any thing to propel it. Why they have got electric trams in Damascus and Jerusalem, and drainage, good water, and sanitary appliances. Think of that; would it not astonish the old apostles and Jews a trifle? Look at the fuss Christians make about Jesus walking on the water once. Why, in this spirit age, thousands walk on the water. Think of the "Lucania" carrying 3,000 to America in five days, and carrying infinitely more cattle than Noah had in the ark. You know well, when you think it out, that the wonders of science today are spiritual wonders or miracles infinitely greater and of more importance than the once-attempted miracles of the Bible.

Let us reverence and honor the inventive genius and sacred labor and work of our fellow-men to-day. They are spiritual workers in the great workshop of God.

Now, finally, a word on what some people think is all Spiritualists stand for, and ought to labor to demonstrate. Of course you see, I don't agree, because there is infinitely more in it than some people imagine; but I refer to the attempts to prove the after-life or continued conscious existence of the soul or spirit. Of course, there is a vast amount of literature of the subject, but it always seems to me that Spiritualists are all Columbuses. Let us suppose there are only one thousand cases recorded—there are really many thousands of spirit return—and only five are real true, and the other 995 are errors or impositions. Those five would be enough to establish the fact. In fact, one genuine case would establish the argument, and prove the faith of Spiritualism to be true and well-founded. Just as in Columbus's day there were many sceptics, agnostics, secularists, doubters, and scoffers about his faith in a great land beyond the western ocean; many had been lost and never heard of who sailed to find; many were drowned, and many faint-hearted turned back. But Columbus, with indomitable faith and never-failing courage, a paladin and hero of the highest spiritual rank, went forward. Mutiny did not affright him, laughter and threats he heeded not.

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and we know the result. Columbus was right. He found the great land of America; profound faith in God was his inspiration.

And so with us Spiritualists. We say we know, not we think or believe, but know, that there is a spirit world, a mighty sphere upon sphere of spirit worlds. We say we have proved it. We say come with us, join us in this voyage across the ocean of life, and you shall see it. We say it is a great adventure this voyaging to the spirit world; why not start with us tonight. Come aboard, there's room for all, everybody welcome; the captain is here, and the holy spirit of truth invites. Why not come now? Don't go away, the Summerland is ahead of us. An eldorado, a land of gold, shall be ours, and gold of truth, divine love, good comradeship on the voyage. All you want for the journey is faith, fortitude, and courage to go forward and persevere. We tell you that it is a fact that you are immortal, and spirits attend us all the way through; that your loved ones, what you perhaps imagined as lost, are with you, and may see and commune. Is it, then, worth your while to join us?

I hope I have not wearied you in my brief discourse of introducing you to such a great subject as Spiritualism. I feel sure that my efforts will not be in vain, but that I have cast my net on the right side of the ship, with the result that I shall have a good haul of fish in the shape of your good will and love in my labors to-night. My reference, is, of course, as you are aware, to the great draught of fishes in St. John's gospel, where the disciples, after a long night of fruitless toil, at the morning dawn saw the master on the shore, who told them to cast their net on the right side of the ship. And so I have followed the advise to-night and cast my net from the good ship on Spiritualism the right side, and know I am going to have a good haul.

I conclude with a modern version of the bard's saying: Some people are born Spiritualists, some achieve Spiritualism, and some have Spiritualism thrust upon them. And the noble words of our Spiritualist "Manual," Spiritualism aims to effect a complete at-one-ment and union of man with God, till every action and thought of man is in perfect harmony with the Divine Will. Its temple is all space; its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works and good use; its profession of faith, a divine life, good works without, spiritual beauty and purity within, and deeds of love to God through His creatures; its watchword is: Be ye perfect as God is perfect; its church that of nature, and all holy souls whenever gathered together, let us worship the Father in spirit and in truth; let us worship in His holy temple, for all true aspirations, all noble effort, is worship. Such, in brief, is the faith of Spiritualists, and the religion of Spiritualism I urge you to accept, for now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. May God bless you all.

**Buffalo Tidings**

N. H. EDDY, CORRESPONDENT

Our correspondent, Mr. N. H. Eddy, has been very sick the past week, and is in Lane's Sanitarium, at 723 Prospect avenue. He writes: "When I came here to Dr. Lane's Sanitarium I was almost a dead man from the pain with which I suffered, but am in a general way improving, though suffering severely at times. I am very weak. I thought it best to let my friends and patrons at large know a little about my condition. Only for Dr. Lane's care and the advice of her guides, it would be doubtful if I had survived until this time. Now, all good friends, please send kind thoughts for health and strength. Dictated by N. H. Eddy."

We will all hope for Bro. Eddy's early recovery and good health to him.

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## Concerning Cassadaga Camp, Lake Helen, Florida.

The camp grows, this year being no exception.

Mrs. Greenamyer, of Lily Dale, has rooms at Mrs. White's.

One of our old violinists, Mr. Plaisted, has settled in Hiawatha for the winter. A great deal of new plumbing is being done by Mr. McLaughlin, of Buffalo, in various places.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Norman, the psychics of Lily Dale, are at home, in their pleasant place.

Mrs. Haines, of Pittsburg, Pa., is erecting a commodious cottage on the hill, Prospect avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Onset, Mass., are settled. She ably presides at the piano, for the meetings.

Mrs. Whittaker, of Buffalo, is putting in an up-to-date fireplace, enlarging rooms and painting outside and in.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, of St. Paul, Minn., are starting a pretty bungalow on Lake Helen road, outside the gate.

Hotel Webster is open for guests under management of Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffreys. (nee Marguerite Webster).

The venerable but ever youthful Mr. Clark, of Jaffrey, N.H., has arrived with six ladies, who have all taken rooms in his cottages.

Mr. Hubbard, president of Queen City Park Spiritual Camp, Burlington, Vt., with Mrs. Hubbard and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bullard, have arrived and are settled in their cottage, Vermont.

Last Sunday was held the first meeting, it being a symposium—Introductory remarks of welcome by the president, Invocation by Mr. Hubbard, Brother Bond, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Pratt and others followed.

Dr. Hilligoss, our worthy president, and Mrs. Hilligoss have arrived with their large Victor phonograph and some two hundred records, bespeaking a renewal at a later date, of those open air concerts in Auditorium Park, which were so much enjoyed last year, for an hour previous to the Sunday lectures.

On Tuesday evening occurred the notable event of the time—the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Butler of Cleveland, O. It was a surprise, their first intimation of anything coming was from a chorus outside singing "Auld Lang Syne, America and Dixie." Upon their appearance they were invited to come up to the hall for a general hand-shaking. Great was their surprise on entering the hall to be led up through two lines, formed by everybody on the grounds, to a seat of honor at the head of the hall. Touching remarks from Dr. Hilligoss, in the end presenting two beautiful rockers, followed by Mr. Bond and others, and all swung round in a jolly line to extend individually a hearty hand-shake and a few words of good cheer, hope, and happiness and prosperity for the coming years. Ice cream and cake were served, some fine selections were rendered on the graphophone, ending up with a half dozen waltzes and two-steps, which set many couples to whirling, and at a late hour

All departing wished the couple peace and joy. Wished them years of golden peace with no alloy. All the coming years to be hand in hand. Till they in old age shall see life's golden strand.

LEE MORSE.

Syracuse, N.Y.

In a recent issue we noted the article from Pittsburg, and it gave us great pleasure to know that they have such energetic workers. Variety is the spice of life.

The Lone Star Spiritualist Society of this city was organized in May, 1907, with nineteen members. Services were held through June and part of July, then the pastor, Rev. Adaline Cooper, went to camp. We opened our rooms again August 25th, and after a few weeks were again running, with the machinery well oiled, so there were no jumps or clogging, and all is smooth and perfect. We have held a few seances for the benefit of the treasury, and one pancake social, which has been noticed before.

One of our ladies, Mrs. E. Blanchard, donated the cover and lining, the pastor donated the batting, and the ladies tied a comfortable and we are selling tickets, for which we expect to realize ten dollars. We soon expect to have another social of hot biscuit and honey and maple syrup.

Our vice-president, Mr. Robert Hammond, is always springing surprises. He has been consulting an architect for plans to build a church for the Spiritualists.

When we get our quilt sold we will have twenty dollars in the treasury.

December 1st we held services for the dedication of the charter. Miss Carrie Faulkner, a tried and true friend to our cause, delivered the discourse, which was very edifying and instructive. Rev. Sarville G. Leeson, of the Psychological Research Society of this city, gave an inspired and educational discourse in the afternoon. Rev. Mary M. Jennings of Moravia, who was recently ordained, delivered the discourse in the evening, which was the occasion of the dedication of the charter. She is an earnest and efficient worker and we feel that the friends in Moravia are blessed in having an opportunity to listen to her each Sunday.

We must not fail to mention our message-bearers. Mrs. Blanchard gave psychometric readings in the morning.

She did not know anything of our work until last January. She has been sitting for development with Mrs. Cooper once a week and through hot weather she did not sit at all. Her readings were concise and correct.

Mrs. Hinman, a lady not knowing anything of spirit unfoldment until about the middle of October, 1907, who has been sitting with Mrs. Cooper for development, gave psychometric readings, which were correct. She seemed to unearth secrets that people thought buried long ago.

Mrs. Cooper followed Mrs. Jennings with readings and spirit messages. Mrs. Jackson, formerly of Watertown, has been stopping with her sister in the city. She spoke for our society Sunday evening, November 24th. She lifts us out of the terrestrial and places one on the pinnacle of love. Her readings are excellent.

Doris Orcutt, a miss of eleven years, recited a poem, entitled Shadow, which was delivered in a very natural manner. Mr. Henry Mead of Moravia staid over Sunday in the city and attended our services. Mr. R. E. Akin of Ovid arrived at noon on Sunday and enjoyed the feast that we all enjoyed at the service.

I forgot to state that our membership has grown so we have thirty in all.

Mrs. Elma Bell, our treasurer, has been moving and is not well.

Miss Bertha Leucas has been sick with tonsilitis. She had to have her tonsils removed. We miss her sweet face and winning ways from the services.

A.C.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Normann, mediums for spirit photographs and independent slate writing, are located at Lake Helen for the winter. All mail addressed to Lily Dale, N.Y., or Lake Helen, Florida, will reach them.

Frank T. Ripley, the well known worker in the cause of Spiritualism, is now at Alliance, O., lecturing and giving messages at the Alliance Spiritualist Temple for the Sundays in December and January. He can be engaged for February, March and April. He will also answer calls to speak in